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A.—(i) (*a*) Two Muhammadans were shown as entertained in the return attached to G.O. No. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922.

(*b*) The return in question covered both clerks and peons.

(ii) (*a*) The hon. Member appears to be under the impression that the return attached to G.O. No. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922, was the return ordered in that Government Order to be thereafter submitted. If so, the mistake is his.

(*b*) No disciplinary action has been taken.

Moslem representation in the Judicial department in Ganjām on Rs. 30 and above.

867 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Muhammadans employed in the Civil Judicial department in the years 1921, 1922 and 1923 on posts carrying a salary of Rs. 30 and above in the district of Ganjām;

(*b*) who is the appointing authority; and

(*c*) how long the Sarishtadar of the District Court of Ganjām has been occupying that post?

A.—(*a*) The Government do not consider that the compilation of statistics called for will serve any useful purpose in view of the provisions of the Madras Civil Courts Act, 1873, and the rules thereunder.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to section 23 of the Madras Civil Courts Act, 1873, and the rules framed thereunder published in Home (Judicial) Department Notification No. 760, dated the 9th August 1920, at page 1043 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 17th August 1920.

(*c*) The Government will call for the information.

Nominations to the Chingleput taluk board.

868 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) the reasons for nominating certain members of the Vellala community to three out of the six nominated seats in the Chingleput taluk board when that community had already 10 of the 24 elected seats;

(2) whether one Mr. Namakathan Pillai and one Mr. Mannaperumal Pillai, both Adi-Dravidas, were nominated to the said board in succession; what their relative and respective qualifications were; the reasons for the nomination of Mr. Mannaperumal Pillai in preference to Mr. Namakathan Pillai; for the subsequent resignation of Mr. Mannaperumal Pillai, and for the nomination of a Brahman to fill up his place; and

(3) whether petitions and memorials were submitted to Government pressing the claims of the depressed classes for nomination; and with what result?

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A.—(1) & (2) Nominations to taluk boards are made by the president of the district board whom the hon. Member may address in the matter.

(3) Only a telegram was received from the Adi-Dravida Conference, Chingleput, and no action was taken as the power of appointing members of taluk boards rests with the president, district board.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Did the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government approve of this practice of nominating members of communities who are already more than well represented in the taluk or district boards ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO :—" I want notice of that question."

Water-supply for Adi-Dravidas.

869 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA : With reference to item No. 28 of the proceedings of the nineteenth meeting for 1922–23 of the Standing Finance Committee of the Madras Legislative Council held on 18th January 1923, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table the scheme for grants to panchayats for water-supply for Adi-Dravidas ?

A.—A copy of the extract relating to the proposal in question will be communicated to the hon. Member.

Appointment of Honorary Presidency Magistrates.

870 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the office of Honorary Presidency Magistrate was conferred upon Mr. E. S. Nicholas while he was Licence Superintendent of the Madras Corporation ?

A.—Yes.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Does Mr. Nicholas still continue as Licence Superintendent of the Madras Corporation ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—" No."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" For how long did he hold his appointment in the Corporation after he was appointed Honorary Presidency Magistrate ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—" The exact date is not within the knowledge of the Government."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Are there any other employees of the Corporation of Madras holding the appointment of Honorary Presidency Magistrate ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am not able to answer the question without notice."

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